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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

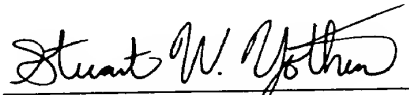
This is a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of pending prior Application No. 09/406,575 (Confirmation No. 1763), filed on September 24, 1999 for "MEDICAL GRAFTING CONNECTORS AND FASTENERS."

1. ☒ Please enter the Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on April 9, 2003 in Application No. 09/406,575.
2. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ A Reply to Final Office Action is enclosed.
4. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) is/are enclosed.
5. ☒ A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

6. ☐ A suspension of action on the above-identified patent application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is enclosed.

8. ☐ Please charge \$750.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
9. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in connection with this Request, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
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extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the Examiner's Action of February 6, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.
11. ☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the extension-of-time fee is enclosed.
12. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension-of-time fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with this paper, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.
13. ☐ Please charge the extension-of-time fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

  
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